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TO: Chairman, Special Group - General Taylor
FROM: Chairman, Special Working Group - Mr. Davis
SUBJECT: Covert Program to Support U.S. Government
Actions regarding Berlin

The Special Working Group of the Interdepartmental Coordinating Committee on Berlin has considered the CIA's "Covert Actions Annex of the Berlin Contingency Plan" (Annex E of A Study regarding Berlin, dated July 12, 1961). It agreed that the Covert Annex provides a sound basis for planning.

The Special Working Group agreed, therefore, to recommend to the Special Group that it approve the Covert Annex as a basis for planning and that the Special Group ask CIA to submit detailed plans to implement the proposals listed under Phase I (July through September 17, 1961).

The Working Group agreed on procedures to recommend to the Special Group. These are listed at the end of this memorandum.

The Working Group also discussed the undated CIA memorandum, "Questions Regarding the Scope and Direction of C.S. Operations in Support of U.S. Government Actions in the Berlin Crisis." The CIA representative said that approval of the Covert Annex as a basis for planning and establishing the Working Group met the main requirements of its memorandum. CIA believes that answers to the list of questions in the memorandum will arise as individual plans are considered in the Special Working Group.

Recommendations

1. That you ask the Special Group to approve the Covert Annex as a basis for planning.
2. That you ask the Special Group to approve the following procedures recommended by the Working Group:

a. CIA should

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a. CIA should submit plans and proposals to the Special Working Group through INR/DDC.

b. After considering them, the Working Group should send its guidance to CIA through INR/DDC.

c. If the Working Group believes that the proposals require consideration by the Special Group, it should send them with recommendations to you, for presentation to the Special Group.